



STAFF REPORT
6/28/2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Celina Jimenez, Economic Development Director

SUBJECT: Authorize a Community Based Grant to the Theresa A. Mike Scholarship Foundation in the Amount of \$1,000 to Fund Two Scholarships for Coachella Residents

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider awarding a Community Based Grant (CBG) to the Theresa A. Mike Scholarship Foundation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to fund two scholarships to Coachella residents.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Based Grant Program was established in 2010 and allows the City of Coachella to offer financial assistance to local nonprofit organizations, schools, youth-serving organizations, and other community-based organizations that provide essential services, programs and activities to residents in Coachella. Applicant organizations are only eligible to submit one application for consideration each fiscal year and must be legally established with non-profit or tax-exempt status, be based in the Coachella Valley, or provide direct service to Coachella residents. Approval of grant funds does not constitute a precedent for grant allocations in subsequent years. All CBG grants are reimbursement grants to ensure that applicants are meeting their stated goals. The FY 22-23 budget includes an allocation of \$15,000 for the Community Based Grant Program.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The Theresa A. Mike Scholarship Foundation is a nonprofit organization that awards individual scholarships to full time, enrolled tribal members of any tribe across the United States, and/or full time non-native students from the Coachella Valley and the Morongo Basin. It was established in honor of Theresa Mike's legacy and dreams and honors commitment to developing a sense of cultural richness, history and future for the people of her tribe. Since it was created, the Foundation has awarded more than \$800,000 to help deserving scholars fund their educational dreams.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Authorize a Community Based Grant to the Theresa A. Mike Scholarship Foundation in the Amount of \$1,000 to Fund Two Scholarships for Coachella Residents Do not award the Theresa A. Mike Scholarship Foundation a Community Based Grant.
2. Do Not Authorize a Community Based Grant to the Theresa A. Mike Scholarship Foundation

FISCAL IMPACT:

If the Council approves the staff recommendation, the Community Based Grant account will be reduced by \$1,000.00.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Community-Based Grant Program Application